



Division of Child Care and Early Learning

Licensed/Certified Provider Tip –
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To all Licensed Family Home Providers and Child Care Centers:

Every two years the Department of Social and Health Services conducts a survey of licensed child care providers. The Federal Government requires that we conduct this survey in order to collect information from providers on the prices that they charge for child care. In addition, we ask other questions that help us learn about how child care providers are doing. You should have received a letter from Rachael Langen, the director of the Division of Child Care and Early Learning, describing the survey.

This year we are excited to offer an on-line version of the survey. The survey takes about 15 minutes and is easy to complete. We hope that you can find the time to answer the survey. If you can't answer all the questions at one time, you can return to the survey to finish up later. If you don't have access to the Internet in your home, you can use a friend's computer or a computer at the public library to access the Internet. At the end of the survey you will have a chance to send us comments. All center providers and a sample of family home providers will be called by Social and Economic Sciences Research Center of Washington State University to provide information if they do not answer the on-line survey (For now, the on-line survey is only offered in English).

Here is the link to the on-line survey: www.sesrc.wsu.edu/childcare
You will need to use your License ID (not your Provider ID) to log onto the survey. Your License ID is the number on the top left of your license.

The information that you provide, either on-line or by phone, is confidential and your participation is entirely voluntary. Your name will be kept separate from your answers, so no one will know how you responded. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the project director, Laura Schrager, at 1-360-413-3447 or ProviderSurvey@dshs.wa.gov.

Thank you for taking time to provide us with valuable information about child care in Washington State!

Additional information for licensed/certified providers may be found in the publication "Child Care Subsidies, A Booklet for Licensed and Certified Child Care Providers." To obtain this publication contact your licensor or see the following internet site:

<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/dccel/providers.shtml>

Additional Licensed/Certified Provider tips may also be found at the above site under "Providers".